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Indiana Commission for Women Celebrates March as Women's History Month

Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. has signed a Proclamation declaring March as Women's History Month. The proclamation notes the historic contributions that women have made to our State and our Nation" and invites "all Hoosiers to take note of the observance" and "to set aside a month in which to recognize the important role that women have played throughout our nation's history and to renew our commitment to equal rights for all citizens."

In the Proclamation Governor Daniels recognizes the Indiana Commission for Women for its leadership throughout the state. The Commission is a bi-partisan group of fourteen appointed members which promotes the full participation of women in public policy making at all levels of local, state, and national life, advocates for Hoosier women, and represents Indiana's commitment to improve the quality of life for women and their families.

The Commission continues to partner with the Indiana Women's History Association to preserve the stories of historic Hoosier women who have made significant contributions to U.S, Indiana, and local history. The Indiana Commission for Women asks that citizens who would like to nominate a non-living historic woman and geographic site associated with her for inclusion in the Indiana Women's History Trail or receive information about state historic markers go to www.in.gov/history or contact Sharon Langlotz at 317/232-6720.

The Commission is honored to have the following women serve on the Commission:

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